(c) the reasons for not allotting the bungalow at Aurangzeb Road which was occupied by Shri Jagjeevan Ram; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to commemorate the memory of another Deputy Prime Minister Choudhary Devi Lai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Central Government has not constituted any Trust/Board in memory of Shri Jagjeevan Ram, former Deputy Prime Minister, and no house has been allotted to the said Memorial Trust/Board.

(c) The reasons for not allotting the bungalow at Aurangzeb Road is due to the fact that Shri Jagjeevan Ram did not occupy and accommodation in the Aurangzeb Road for the last forty years.

(d) At present there is no such proposal.

Kochi Metro Rail

2779. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal regarding Metro Rail at Kochi pending for approval from his Minister;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal thereof;

(c) the present status of the proposal; and

(d) the details of reasons for the delay in providing necessary approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Kerala, based on a Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) for setting up of Metro in Kochi, has submitted a proposal seeking "in principle" approval of Government of India for the implementation of the project through a Joint Venture Special Purpose Vehicle of Government of India and State Government.

(c) and (d) The proposal has been submitted to the Planning Commission on 3.3.2008 for "in-principle" approval.

MRTS Project in A.P.

2780. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the implementation of Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) project in Andhra Pradesh (A.P.) has already been started and its present status;

(b) the share of Central Government in the above project; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in starting the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh had originally submitted

the proposal for implementation of Metro Rail Project in Hyderabad for 66.39 km. at an estimated completion cost of Rs. 8482 crore. It has now submitted a revised proposal for 71 km. at an estimated cost of Rs. 9696 crore seeking Viability Gap Funding of Rs. 1939 crore. The project was discussed in the official level Committee of Ministry of Finance (Empowered Institutions) for Viability Gap Funding on 10.4.2008. The Empowered Institutions has recommended the project for 'in-principle' approval by the Empowered Committee.

(b) and (c) In respect of (a) above Question does not arise.

Basic facilities in slums of Delhi and other metro cities

t2781. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a lack of basic facilities for the citizens residing in slum clusters in metropolitan cities of the country particularly in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai;

(b) whether Government proposes to take effective steps to provide basic facilities such as electricity, good environment, sewerage, water, etc. to the citizens residing in the slum clusters of the country particularly National Capital of Delhi; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) with the basic objective of holistic slum development. Adequate shelter and basic infrastructure facilities shall be provided to slum dwellers of identified urban areas. Additional Central Assistance is provided to States for taking up projects for housing and infrastructural facilities for slum dwellers/urban poor in 63 select cities in the country under the Sub-Mission Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP). Other cities and towns are covered under the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP). Delhi is one of the 63 identified cities included under the BSUP sub-Mission.

DDA schemes for allotment of plots/flats

2782. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes started by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for the allotment of plots/flats over ten years ago, which have not been completed, so far;

(b) the present status of each such scheme, specifying the number of persons registered, those who could get the allotments so far and those still waiting;

(c) the reasons for the tardy progress of these schemes ; and

(d) by when each of these schemes is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that out of the

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